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WITH YOUR  
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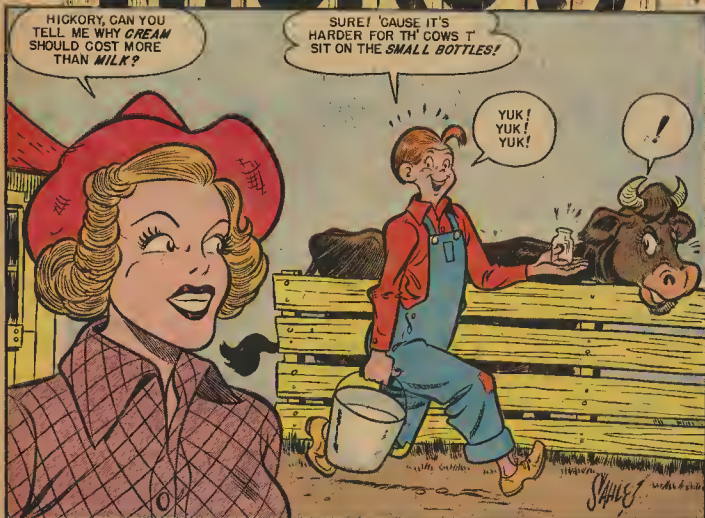
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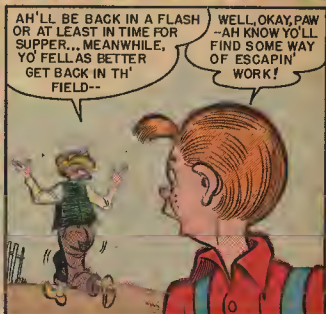
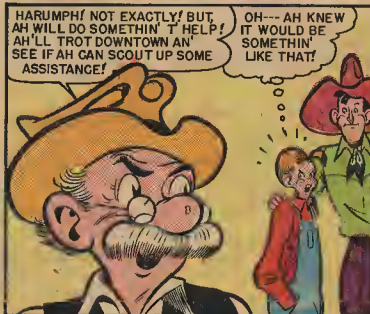
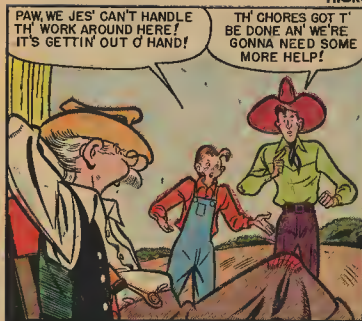
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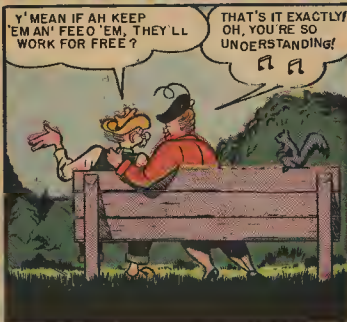
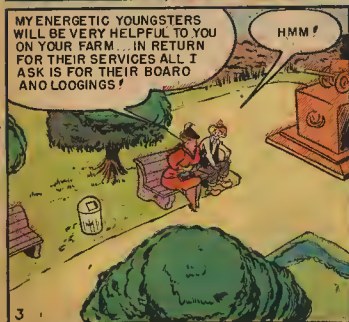
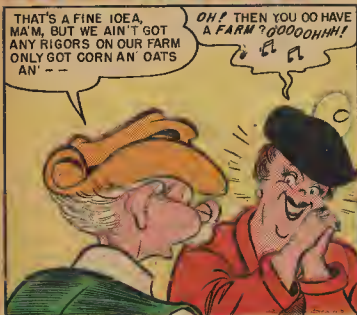
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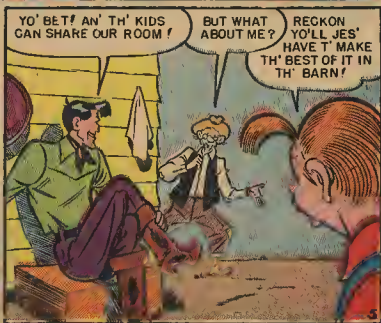
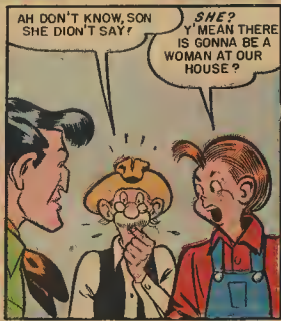
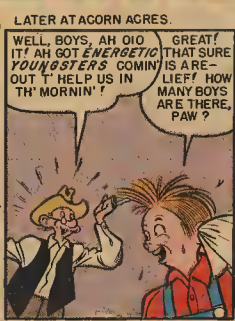
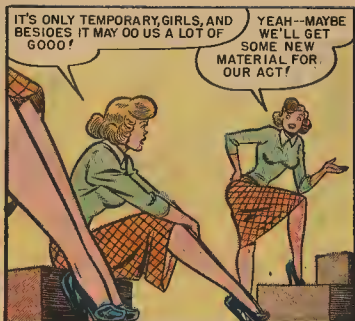
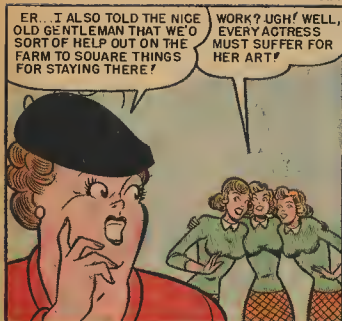






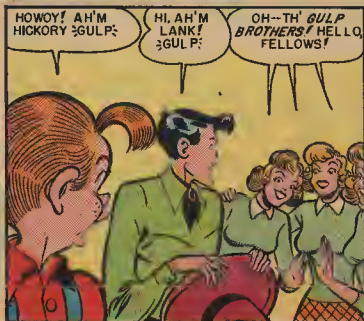
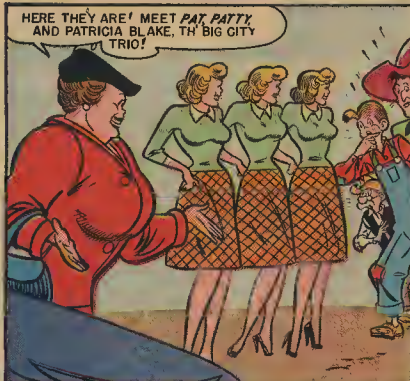
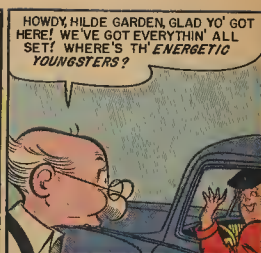


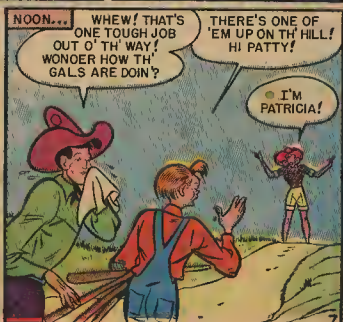
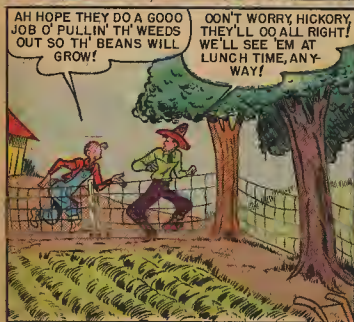
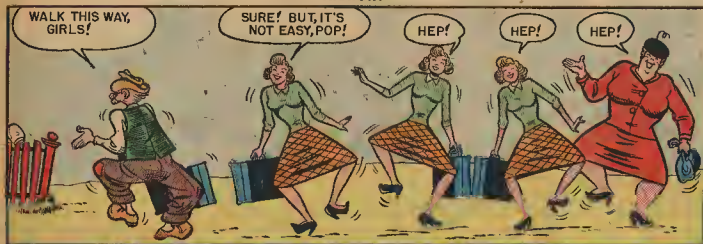




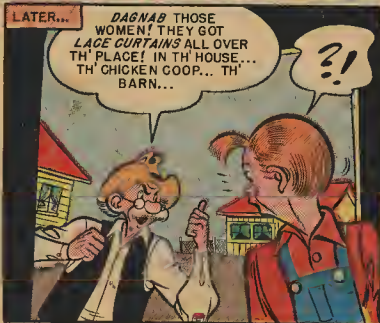
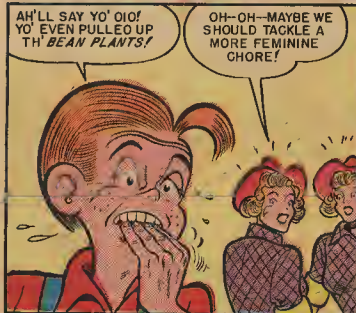


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BAH! AH'M GONNA  
TAKE A NAP!



**HICKORY!**

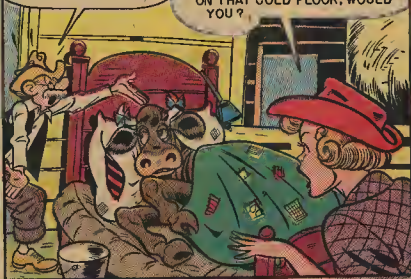
CONFOUND IT!  
THEY'VE GONE  
TOO FAR THIS  
TIME!

HUH?



**HICKORY**

WHAT'S MY BED DOIN'  
IN TH' COW STALL?



OH-- YOU WOULDN'T WANT A  
POOR OLO COW TO SLEEP  
ON THAT GOLD FLOOR, WOULD  
YOU?

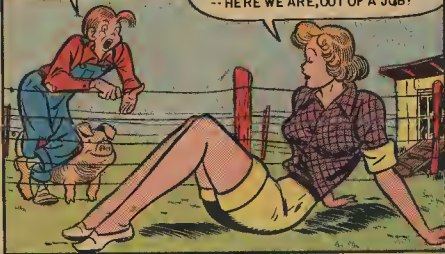
AFTER ALL,  
SHE IS A  
**MOTHER!**

**MOTHER!**  
AH'M GOIN'  
FISHIN'!



LISTEN, PATRICIA, AH'D LIKE  
TO KNOW HOW YO' GALS GOT  
TO THIS TOWN AN' WHY?

I'M PAT... YOU SEE WE GIRLS  
ARE A SONG AND DANCE TRIO...  
AND SOMEHOW OUR POPULARITY  
BEGAN DROPPING AND FIRST THING  
-- HERE WE ARE, OUT OF A JQB!



GOSH, THAT'S TOO  
BAD! MEBBE YO'  
OUGHT T CHANGE  
YOUR STYLE  
O' SINGIN'!

WE HAVE -- WE'VE  
TRIED ALL TYPES AND  
STILL DIDN'T CLICK!



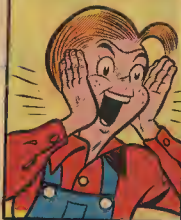
DON'T LAUGH, MISS BLAKE,  
BUT WE GOT UP A LITTLE  
ACT, TOO! WE PLAY AT  
TH' BARN DANCES!

Y' MEAN YOU MEN HAVE  
A TRIO, TOO? WONDERFUL!  
GIVE US A SAMPLE!  
-- SING OUT! GIVE!





HEY, PAW! LANK! WE GOT AN AUDIENCE! LET'S PRACTICE UP FOR TH' SATURDAY SWING!



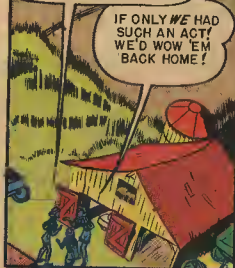
OH-- WE PLAY AT ALL TH' DANCES-- WERE NOT SO VERY GOOD-- BUT PEOPLE COME FROM FAR AND NEAR TO TELL US THAT WE SHOULD--  
CHOP WOOD---CHOP WOOD--



AN' WE HAVEN'T ANY RHYTHM--JES' PLINK AN' PLUNK AN' YELL-- AN' SOON TH' FOLKS ARE STOMPIN' AN' TELLIN' US WE'RE SWELL!--

THAT'S WONDERFUL! THEY'VE REALLY GOT SOMETHING!

IF ONLY WE HAD SUCH AN ACT! WE'D WOW 'EM BACK HOME!



IT'S INSPIRATIONAL! WE'LL DO IT! I'LL WIRE OUR AGENT AT ONCE! LET'S PACK! WE'RE BACK IN BUSINESS!



WEEKS LATER... GOSH IT SURE IS LONESOME WITHOUT THOSE GALS!

YEAH--WONDER WHAT EVER BECAME OF 'EM?

SHH--AH'M GONNA PUT ON TH' RADIO!



AND IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE ONCE AGAIN, THE THREE COUNTRY BUMPKINS--PAT--PATTY AND PATRICIA BLAKE--SINGING TH' SONG THAT MADE THEM FAMOUS!

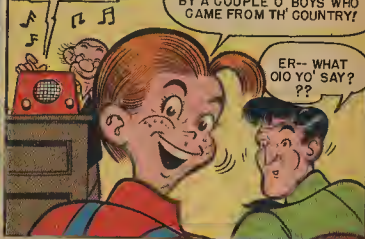
HEY! IT'S TH' GALS! LISTEN!



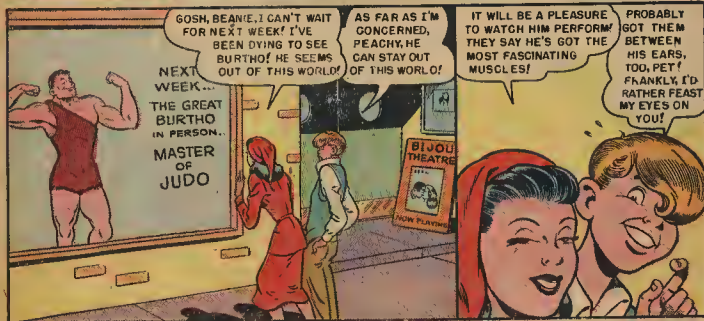
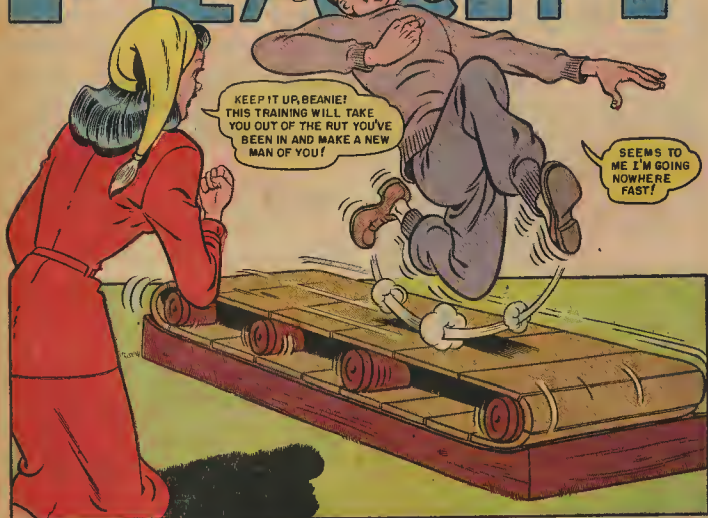
BUT PEOPLE COME FROM FAR AND NEAR TO TELL US THAT WE'RE GOOO-- THAT IS GOOD FOR CHOPPING  
WOOD!

IT'S FUNNY AIN'T IT? TH' CITY GALS COME TO TH' COUNTRY TO GET AN IDEA THAT WAS STARTED IN TH' CITY BY A COUPLE O' BOYS WHO CAME FROM TH' COUNTRY!

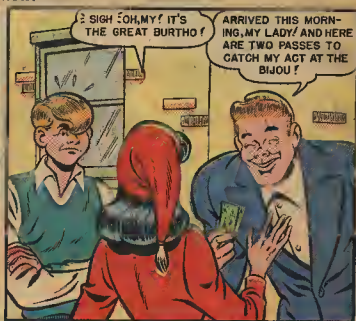
ER-- WHAT DID YOU SAY??



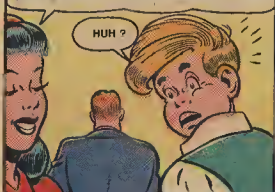
# PEACHY







GUESS WHAT, BEANIE? I KNOW YOU COULD LOOK LIKE HIM IF YOU GAVE YOURSELF HALF A CHANCE, SO I ENROLLED YOU IN BURTHO'S BODY BEAUTIFUL CORRESPONDENCE COURSE!



I HAD THE LESSONS SENT TO MY HOUSE SO I'D BE SURE YOU'D TAKE EVERY ONE! AND WE START TRAINING TOMORROW AT SEVEN!



THE NEXT MORNING...

I'VE RUN AROUND THE PARK TWICE, PEACHY! NOW LET'S GO HOME!

THE LESSON SAYS THREE TIMES AROUND THE PARK! IF YOU'RE TIRED, TAKE ANOTHER LUMP OF SUGAR FROM YOUR POCKET! THAT WILL GIVE YOU ENERGY, THE LESSON SAYS!

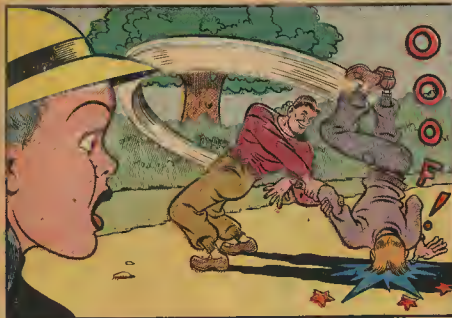


HERE COMES BURTHO! IN TWO WEEKS YOU'LL LOOK LIKE THAT, BEANIE!



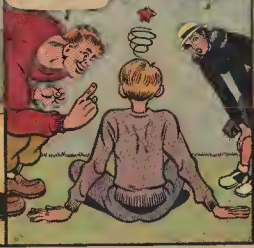
SIGH GOOOO MORNING, BURTHO! BEANIE IS ONE OF YOUR STUDENTS... BY MAIL!





YOU PLAYED HOOKEY ON LESSON NUMBER TWO, FRIEND, OR YOU WOULD KNOW HOW TO BREAK THAT HOLD!

BUT HE'S ONLY ON THE FIRST LESSON, BURTHO!



IN THAT CASE I APOLOGIZE AND LEND A HELPING HAND!

MY, WHAT AGILITY!

LESSON NUMBER TWO SEEMS EXCITING! I CAN'T WAIT FOR BEANIE TO TAKE IT!

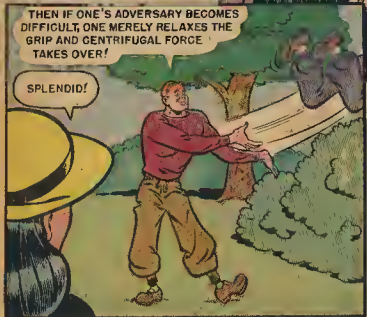
HA! BUT NUMBER THREE IS BETTER STILL, MY DEAR!



NOTE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS HOLD, MY DEAR!

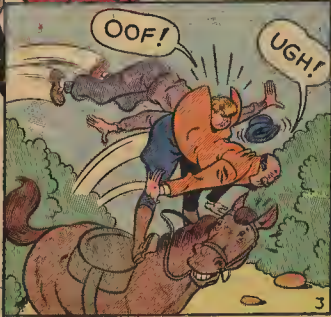
SIMPLY CHARMING!

UGH!



THEN IF ONE'S ADVERSARY BECOMES DIFFICULT, ONE MERELY RELAXES THE GRIP AND CENTRIFUGAL FORCE TAKES OVER!

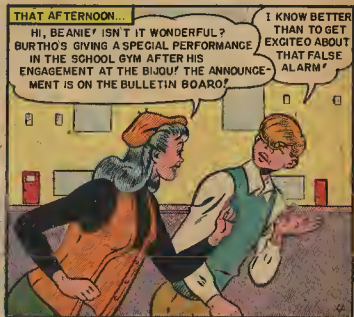
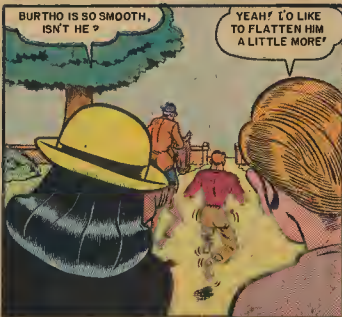
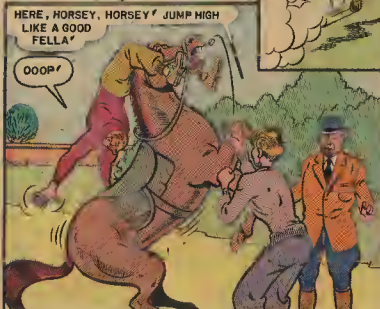
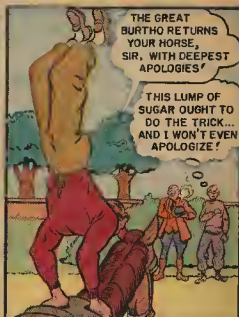
SPLendid!



OOF!

UGH!





GOSH, BEANIE, YOUR MAIL-ORDER COURSE WILL BE ABOUT OVER BY THEN AND MAYBE YOU CAN GIVE AN EXHIBITION WITH BURTHO!

I'LL LET YOU IN ON A SECRET... I TOOK MY LAST LESSON THIS MORNING!

BEANIE BROWN, IF YOU DON'T FINISH THAT COURSE, I'LL NEVER SPEAK TO YOU AGAIN!

OKAY, OKAY! BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU SEE IN BURTHO'S TYPE OF MAN!



THE AFTERNOON OF THE EXHIBITION...

I NOW HAVE THE HONOR OF PRESENTING THE GREAT BURTHO!

MY, HE'S SO UTTERLY MASCULINE!

I REGRET THAT MY PARTNER WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND... HUH?

BEANIE BROWN FINISHED YOUR COURSE, BURTHO! HE'LL GLAOLY TAKE YOUR PARTNER'S PLACE!

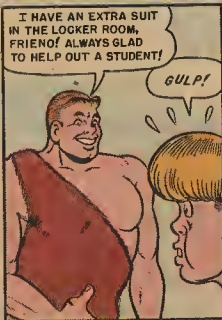


GO ON, BEANIE! I'LL BE SO PROUD OF YOU!

ER... I HAVE NO GYM CLOTHES!

I HAVE AN EXTRA SUIT IN THE LOCKER ROOM, FRIEND! ALWAYS GLAD TO HELP OUT A STUDENT!

GULP!



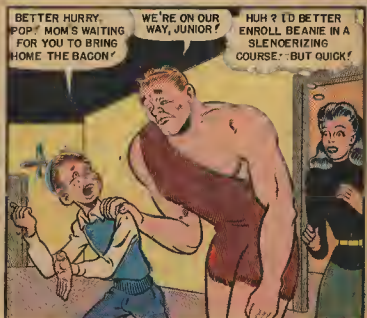
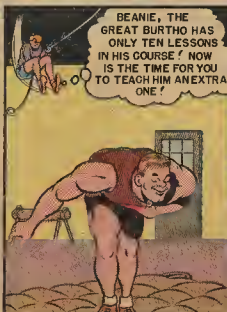
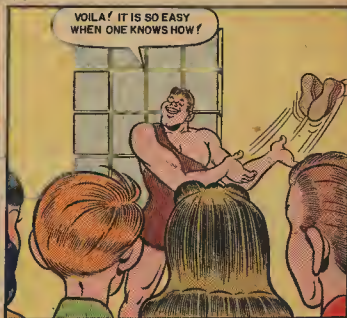
MINUTES LATER...

HOW OLD I GET HERE?

DON'T FORGET LESSON NUMBER THREE, BEANIE!







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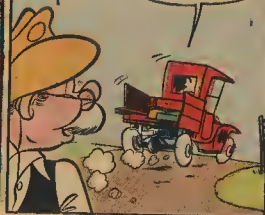
HICKORY--AH RECKON YO'O BETTER GET THE EGGS READY FOR MR. JOHNSON!

OKAY, PAW, AH WAS JES' GONNA DELIVER THEM!

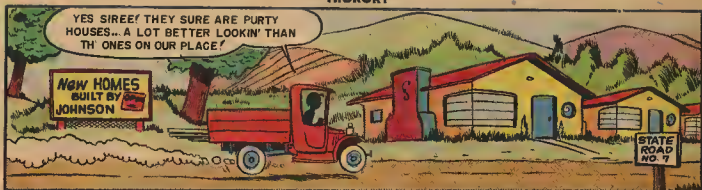


DON'T BREAK ANY EGGS, SON! MR. JOHNSON IS A GOOD CUSTOMER!

YEAH--HE'S ALSO A GOOD CONTRACTOR, TOO! HE BUILT ALL THOSE NEW HOMES DOWN TH' ROAD... 'BYE, PAW!







HI, HICKORY! GLAO YOU BROUGHT THE EGGS... I WAS JUST GOING UP TO THE HOUSE... I'LL TAKE THEM ALONG AND PUT THEM IN THE COOLER!

OKAY, MR. JOHNSON, AH'LL WAIT AROUND AN' LOOK AT YOUR MAGAZINES!



SWELL! THEN I WON'T HAVE TO LOCK UP! IF ANYBODY COMES IN TAKE CARE OF THEM, WILL YOU, HICKORY?

WHY, SURE! AH'LL BE GLAO TO... TAKE YOUR TIME... AH'LL SET B'HINO TH' OESK!



WELL, WELL, I'M SURE GLAD I FOUND YOU--I'M IN A HURRY SO I'LL STATE MY BUSINESS IN BRIEF!

HUH? ER--HELLO...



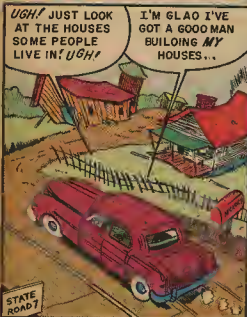
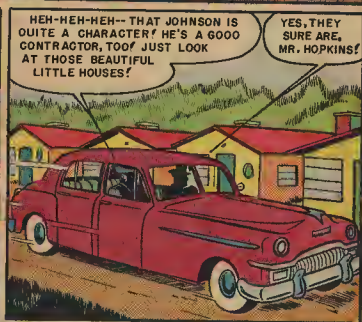
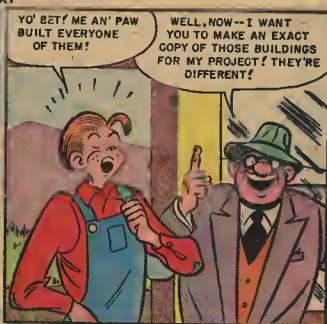
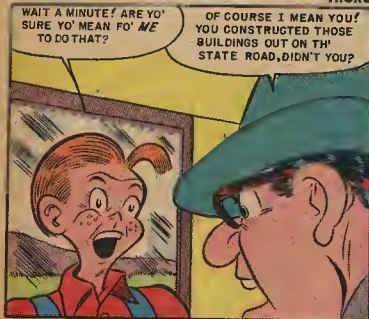
MY NAME IS HOPKINS AND I LIKE THE WAY YOU CONSTRUCT YOUR BUILDINGS!

YO'-YO'-DO?



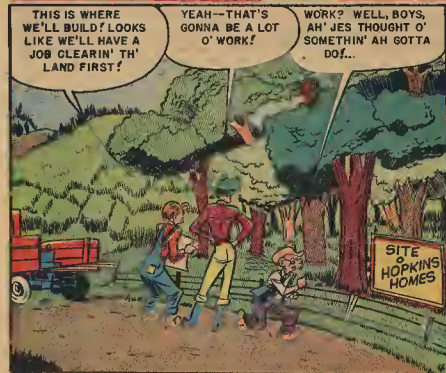
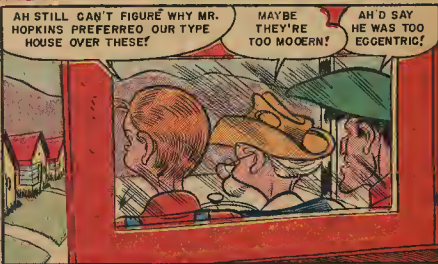
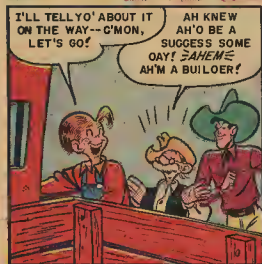
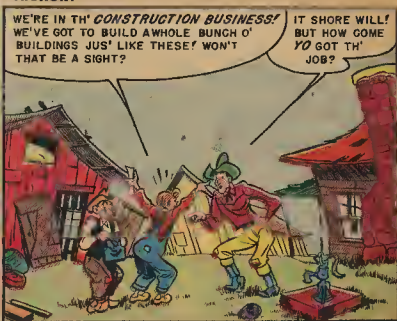
HERE IS A DEED TO SOME ACREAGE I JUST PURCHASED... NOW I WANT YOU TO BUILD ME A HOUSING PROJECT ON IT! WHAT DO YOU SAY?

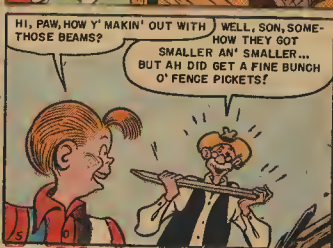
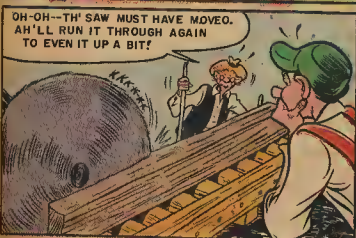
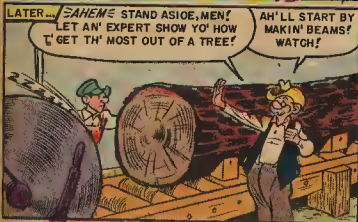
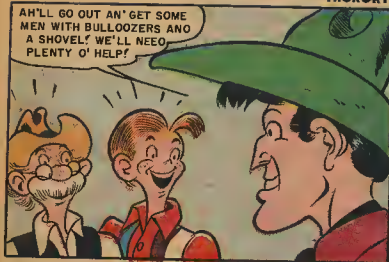






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PAW, AH RECKON YO'D BETTER GO FISHIN' B'FORE WE HAVE TO BUILD TH' HOUSES OUT O' TOOTHPICKS!

AW, SHUCKS, AH WAS ONLY TRYIN' T' HELP!



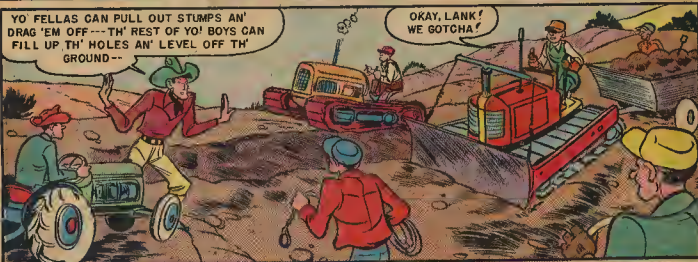
HMM--IT'S TIME AH GOT THAT SHOVEL WORKIN' AT DIGGIN' OUT CELLARS FO' TH' HOUSES!

AH WONDER HOW LANK IS DOIN'?



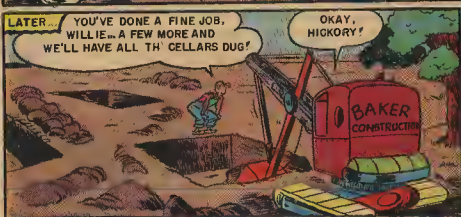
YO' FELLAS CAN PULL OUT STUMPS AN' DRAG 'EM OFF---TH' REST OF YO' BOYS CAN FILL UP TH' HOLES AN' LEVEL OFF TH' GROUND---

OKAY, LANK! WE GOTCHA!



LATER... YOU'VE DONE A FINE JOB, WILLIE... A FEW MORE AND WE'LL HAVE ALL TH' CELLARS DUG!

OKAY, HICKORY!



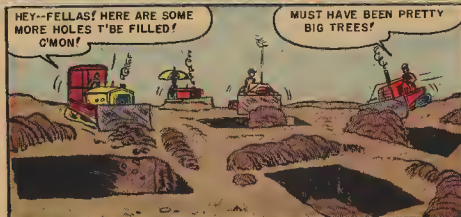
SOON... WELL, LANK, WE FILLED IN ALL TH' HOLES WE COULD FIND!

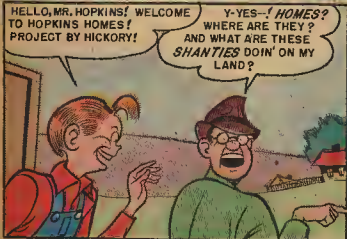
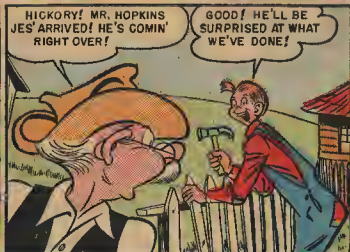
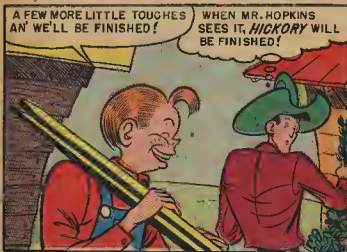
GREAT! AH'LL FIND HICKORY AN' LET HIM SEE WHAT A THOROUGH JOB YOU'VE DONE!



HEY--FELLAS! HERE ARE SOME MORE HOLES T'B E FILLED! C'MON!

MUST HAVE BEEN PRETTY BIG TREES!



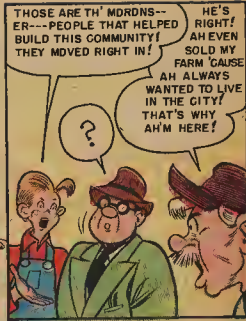




EGAD! I'VE BEEN SWINDLED!  
ONLY A LOW BROW MORON WOULD  
EVER LIVE IN SUCH AN OUTLANDISH  
STRUCTURE!

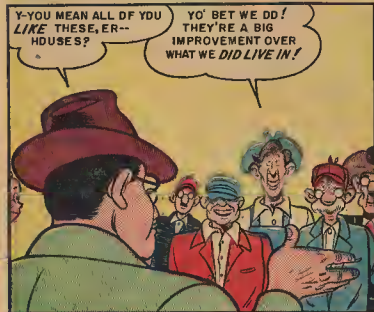
WE LIKE  
IT HERE!

WHA--?  
WHO--?  
HOW?  
HUH?



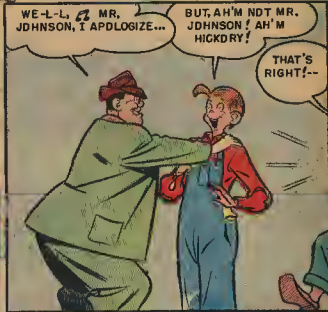
THOSE ARE TH' MORDNS--  
ER---PEOPLE THAT HELPED  
BUILD THIS COMMUNITY!  
THEY MOVED RIGHT IN!

HE'S  
RIGHT!  
AH EVEN  
SOLD MY  
FARM 'CAUSE  
AH ALWAYS  
WANTED TO LIVE  
IN THE CITY!  
THAT'S WHY  
AH'M HERE!



Y-YOU MEAN ALL DF YDU  
LIKE THESE, ER--  
HDOUSES?

YO' BET WE DD!  
THEY'RE A BIG  
IMPROVEMENT OVER  
WHAT WE DID LIVE IN!



WE-L-L, ~~ER~~ MR.  
JOHNSON, I APDLOGIZE...

BUT, AH'M NDT MR.  
JOHNSON! AH'M  
HICKDRY!

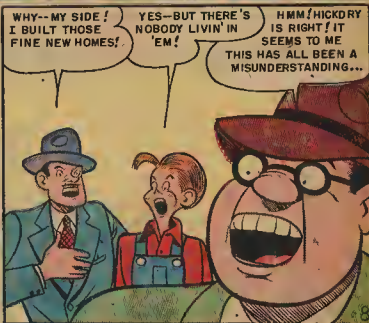
THAT'S  
RIGHT!--



..BECAUSE I AM  
JOHNSON!

HUH? THEN YOU-YOU'RE  
NOT TH' ONE WHD BUILT  
THAT PROJECT DN STATE ROUTE  
SEVEN?

COURSE AH  
AM! SAY-WHICH  
SIDE O' TH'  
ROAD DID YD'  
MEAN?



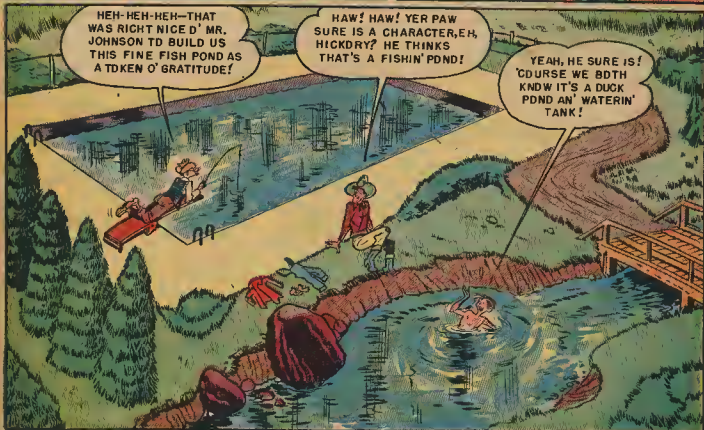
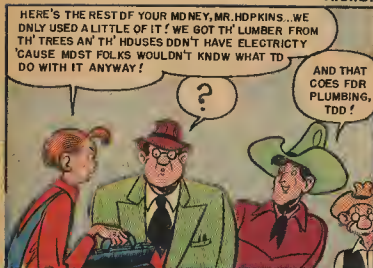
WHY--MY SIDE!  
I BUILT THOSE  
FINE NEW HOMES!

YES--BUT THERE'S  
NOBODY LIVIN' IN  
'EM!

HMM! HICKDRY  
IS RIGHT! IT  
SEEMS TO ME  
THIS HAS ALL BEEN A  
MISUNDERSTANDING...



# HICKORY



# THEM THAR HILLS

WHEN the news was narrated around Stump-hole Hollow, up over the peak of Fatback Mountain and all the way to Moonshine Springs, there wasn't a hillbilly or hillbelle who didn't crack his or her heels together and holler out, "Yippee! A full-dress hangin'! I'm a-goin' to go and see the fun!"

For old Judge Suzique had spoken in court. Elijah Corduroy, tallest, handsomest and laziest of all the younger set in the district, had been convicted of wearing shoes on a week-day—and, what's more, shining them. A crime like that could be expiated only by execution. It might have been the most exciting news since the battle of Gettysburg, only the news of the battle of Gettysburg hadn't reached them thar hills yet.

Elijah Corduroy was in the jail house at Flip-free Crossroads, county seat of Toobyshoore County. He'd gone on a hunger strike the day he landed there, but the next morning he'd eaten two plates of hog and hominy. He tried to make a pet of the rat in his cell, but it moved out because it thought he was too ignorant to associate with. Now the hanging day was at hand. People gathered from hither to yonder, 'from far to wide. They ran a special excursion train on the Ballyhack Railroad, oldest line in the country, and with the oldest rolling stock. School would have let out, if there was a school in Toobyshoore County. The stores closed. Even old Zekle Appamattox, venerable dean of the county's moonshiners, said he wouldn't run a batch of lick that day, but would come in with his children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren to share the spectacle.

Sunrise. The sun rose over the hill like a round pan of spoon bread. Every citizen whooped, every hound dog bayed. "Cmon!" people hailed each other. "This here's the happiest day of our lives!"

Crowds lined the sides of the street that led to the hanging tree. Busy vendors rushed back and forth with soft drinks, fish sandwiches and toy balloons. Music sounded in the distance. "Hyar he comes!"

It was a magnificent parade. First, the Flip-free Crossing Silver Cornet Band, each member playing the tune that he liked best, and all the rival strains blending into a wild fanfare that soured the milk far away, even to the shores of Boot Heel Creek. After that, Judge

Suzique, on a prancing white mule with one red eye and one blue one. After him, the Ancient and Honorable Stumphole Hollow Cadet Corps, in uniforms of purple, pink and char- treuse. Then the members of the volunteer fire company, Fearless Hose Number Three—the first two companies had never organized because they couldn't elect captains. Finally, riding a lumber wagon drawn by two fine black horses with red plumes on their heads, Elijah Corduroy himself. The sheriff drove the wagon, Elijah stood and waved to his many admirers and well-wishers. He wore a suit of new store-bought clothes, a cotton-picker's special straw hat, and he had had his neck freshly shaved for the event.

"Yeeeeow! Ain't he the purtiest feller you ever seen?" cried the girls.

"Lookit ever'body cheerin' fer Lije!" cried the men. "I shore wish I was in his place, gettin' all that notice!"

At the tree, everybody gathered by thousands. Sheriff Grope Peachpie fixed the rope around Elijah's neck. On him it looked right good. "Speech! Speech!" cried the adoring crowd.

"Feller citizens," said Elijah Corduroy, his ringing young voice carrying to the farthest fringe of listeners, "I want to say first of all, I pure down appreciate all this friendly demonstration. Looks to me like I done drawn three times the crowd that come to watch Sim Stumblebum get tarred and feathered last tatter-plantin' time. And now, before I swing off—"

He was interrupted. A rider thundered up on a panting horse, waving a paper.

"Latest election returns!" he roared. "Elijah Corduroy has done been elected judge instead of Judge Suzique, by a landslide of eleven votes!"

Elijah took off the rope. "Then," he said, "reckon I can't be hung. I've got lots of judging to do. My fust act will be to pardon my own crime, and to say the law against wearing shoes on week days is annulled. Goodbye, friends. If you want anybody to be tried, you can find me at the jail house. I'm gonna live there, I dotes on the cooking."

Glum-faced, the crowd disbanded. No hangin'! All the trouble for nothing! It was a black day for Toobyshoore County.

# Hickory

GIT OFF'N THIS  
PROPERTY, YOU  
MAN FROM MARS!

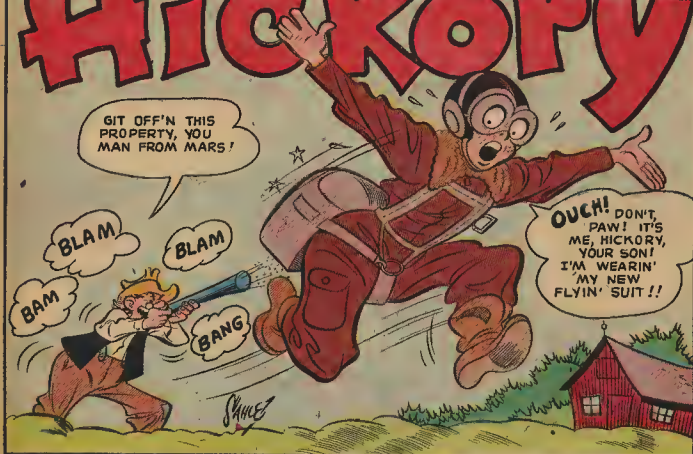
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BANG

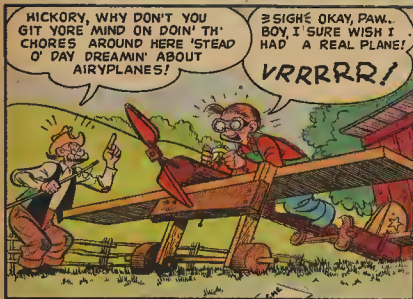
OUCH!  
DON'T  
PAW! IT'S  
ME, HICKORY,  
YOUR SON!  
I'M WEARIN'  
MY NEW  
FLYIN' SUIT!!



HICKORY, WHY DON'T YOU  
GIT YORE MIND ON DOIN' TH'  
CHORES AROUND HERE 'STEAD  
O' DAY DREAMIN' ABOUT  
AIRYPLANES!

3 SIGH E OKAY, PAW...  
BOY, I SURE WISH I  
HAD A REAL PLANE!

VRRRRR!



AH WANT THET HAY-  
STACK MOVED TODAY...AH'M  
GOIN' OVER ON TH' RIDGE...  
GOT SOME IMPORTANT  
BUSINESS I TEND TO!

YES, I  
KNOW!  
IT'S  
FISHIN'!

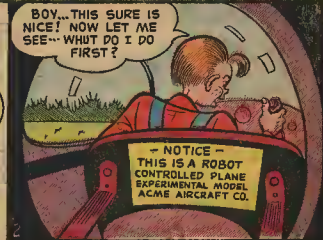
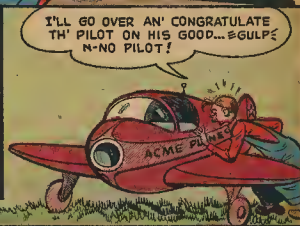
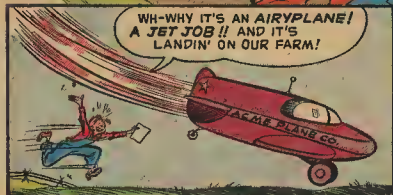
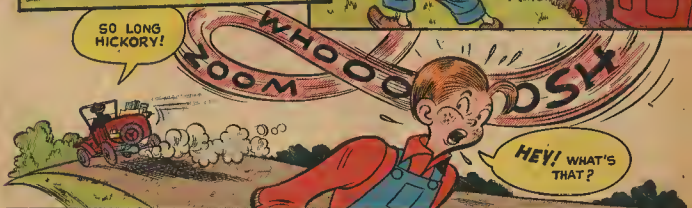
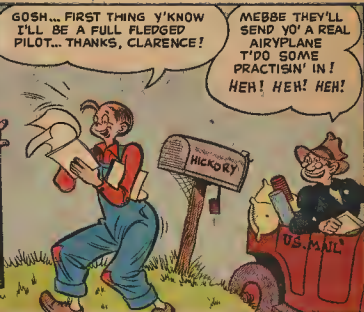
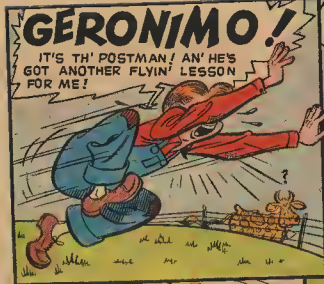


RECKON TH' POSTMAN'S ABOUT  
DUE...HOPE HE BRINGS ME MY  
NEXT FLYIN' LESSONS FROM TH'  
CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL!

BEEP  
HONK







HERE I GO!

**ZOOM!**

HOT DOG! THIS  
IS THE LIFE!  
SURE WISH PAW  
COULD SEE ME NOW!

HMMM... AH SEE THET  
HAYSTACK AIN'T BEEN  
MOVED YET... RECKON  
AH'VE GOT T'DO  
EVERYTHING!

MUST BE BEES AROUND!  
KEEP HEARIN' A BUZZIN'  
SOUND!

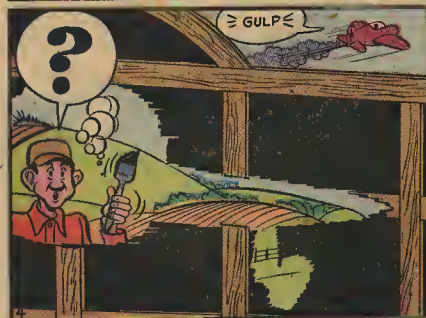
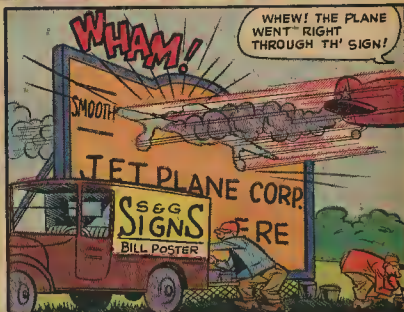
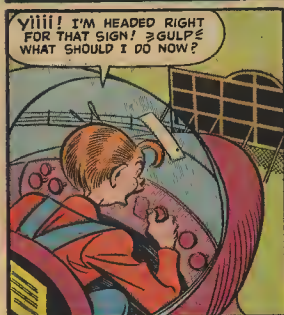
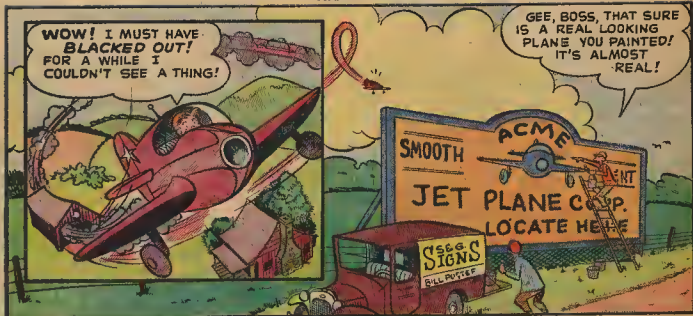
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NO  
HAYSTACK!

WHAR'D THET  
HAYSTACK- GO??

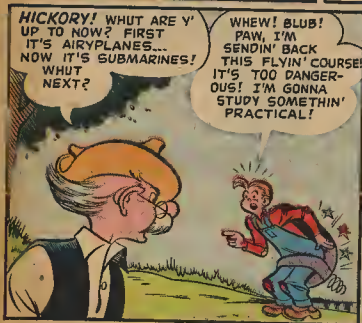
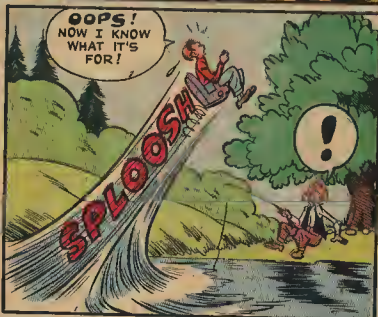
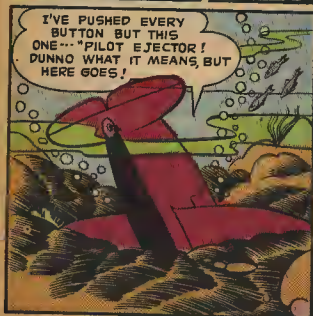
JUMPIN' CATFISH!  
A FLYIN' HAYSTACK!

IT'S GONE RIGHT  
SMACK DAB INTO  
TH' BARN! SHORE WISH  
HICKORY WAS HERE  
T' SEE IT!

**ZOOM!**







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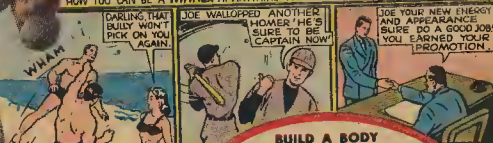
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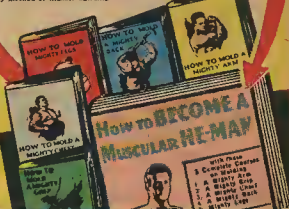
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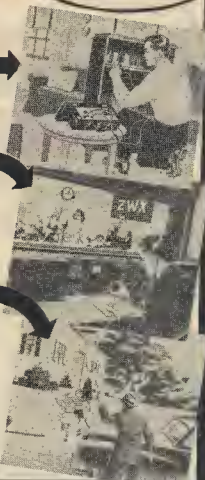
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